

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel the originally-filed Abstract of the Disclosure, and add the accompanying new Abstract of the Disclosure which appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present invention will become more fully understood from the detailed description given hereinbelow and the accompanying drawings which are given by way of illustration only and thus not limitative of the present invention, and wherein

Fig. 1 is an illustration of a stent in general (not according to the invention);

Fig. 2a illustrates an embodiment of the device according to the invention wherein a stent is provided in a contracted state;

Fig. 2b illustrates the same device as in Fig. 2a but wherein the stent has been released and expanded to a nominal size;

Fig. ~~[[2b]]~~ 2c schematically illustrates a variation of the stent and membrane assembly according to the invention wherein the membrane is attached to the stent;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a device for anastomosis comprising a stent/membrane assembly as shown in Fig 2;

Fig. 4 illustrates an embodiment of the membrane of the assembly;

Fig. 5a shows an embodiment of end stops according to the invention;

Fig. 5b shows an alternative embodiment of end stops;

Fig. 5c shows a cross-section through a blood vessel with a stent as in Fig. 5a;

Fig. 6 shows an embodiment where the membrane is secured with a glue dot; and

Fig. 7a-b are cross-sections through a stent and balloon catheter assembly in non-inflated and inflated conditions, respectively.--